Subject: Aluminum medal of Grant;
Attila Rex bronze piece

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TIFFANY & CO.
FIFTH AVENUE & 37TH STREET
NEW YORK

July 13/26

Mr C B Rash
Numismatic Society
155th St. & Bdway.
City

Dear Sir:-

Have you one of the Attila Rex. Bronze. Cast. Hands a German writer that he found a Bronze. larger than a Silver dollar in the Earth near Sedan. during the late war. obverse portrait. ATTILA REX. Reverse. a fortified town. inscription. AQUILEIA. if so I will come up to see it. Dont think Attila made any coins. besides. coins of his time were crude & thin.

Do not think it the work of Becker. but probably one of the Early 17th Century Italian forgers. who made coins to fill in lacking spaces in history. As the Sun thinks he has a treasure. I want if there is a copy in your Collection to see it.

Yours truly
M. F. Savage

July 17th, 1926

Mr. M. T. Savage
401 Fifth Avenue
New York

Dear Sir:

In the absence of Mr. Wood, I am unable to find that we have one of the Attila pieces. It may be that there is one which I am unable to locate. I will, however, place your letter before Mr. Wood on his return; and in the event that I am mistaken in thinking that we have none, he will write you.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

August 10th, 1926

Mr. M. F. Savage
401 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Sir:

Mr. Noe handed me your letter on my return.

Although I am familiar with the Attila piece, we have no specimen in our Museum. This is a fairly modern thing made for some reason or other unknown to me. It is, as you say, cast. Attila, himself, issued nothing.

Very truly yours,

Curator

August 31st, 1926

Mr. M. F. Savage
401 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Savage:

We happened to have given to us, the other day, one of those medals with Attila on one side and Aquileia on the reverse. If you should come to the Society when I am not here, you would find it in one of the recent Accession cases on the lower floor.

Very truly yours,

Curator

401 - 5th Ave.
June 26 - 1928

Dear Mr Wood.

Have you any record as to how many were struck in Aluminum at that time. the metal was a chemical curiosity costing about 4 times Gold. and in 1963-4 gold was worth about ~~4 times~~ $50 - per oz or over — the medal weigh. 87.20 Dwt. and at that rate, it was worth for metal over $400 — so there could not have been many struck

I secured this medal early in 70 ties last Century.

at an Auction at Leovitts. Clinton Hall. 8th St. loaned it to Tho. Manager Mr C T Cook, who mislaid it. and it has recently turned up. from the bottom of a drawer. where it has laid for over 50 years. I supposed it was gone beyond recall -
At the Auction it was called unique. only one struck in the Metal. Proskey has no record. he says - restriker in Bronze. Can still be obtained at 4$ and has one in Bronze -

Grant got a loan from Vanderbilt on his Gold medals etc. after the failure of Grant & Ward. Could never redeem them. after his death the Vanderbilt family presented them to the Nation. and they are on Exhibition at National Museum. Washington D.C. I am curious to know if the medal is unique. or if there is any record of another being sold in recent years - in the metal.

Yours truly M. F. Savage

Under bust
on tablet. D
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bust in
uniform with
Maj. Gen -
Epulets

In high relief
Bust of
Major General Ulysses
S. Grant to left. full beard -
& long hair.

Inscribed
Joint resolution of Congress
December 17 - 1863 -
13 stars in outer rim -
Laurel wreath inner rim
about and beneath. or
Lecture Immobile of Tobacco
Southern Cane, grain
fruit & flowers

over

Reverse. view of Vicksburg and River, above America's Eagle, with shield and draperies, floating over a Rainbow, beneath a trophy of arms

Surrounding view a river, with steamboat, inscribed Mississippi River, also in field Vicksburg & Chattanooga, shield inscribed Donelson

Struck in Aluminum —

Metal still brilliant, no tarnish showing showing that the chemical metal was very pure —

27th June, 1928

Mr. M. F. Savage,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Savage:

I can tell you absolutely nothing about your aluminum medal of Grant. I do not remember ever having heard of one until you spoke to me about yours some time ago. I have no recollection of any having appeared in the sales, but this means nothing as I have never paid any attention to American medals in general. Have you ever written to the Mint to see if they by chance have any records? Why not write to S. H. Chapman, 1128 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, to see if he knows anything about it?

Very truly yours,

Curator

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